

UK AI COUNCIL

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL

13:30 - 15:30, Wednesday 26 April 2023

Department of Science, Innovation and Technology

Virtual Meeting

Ministers:

Viscount Camrose

Minister for Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property

Council members:

Adrian Joseph

BT Group

Professor Máire O'Neill

Queen's University Belfast

Professor Sir Mark Walport

Formerly UKRI and Government CSA

Marc Warner

Faculty

Martin Tisné

Luminate

Professor Nick Jennings, CB

Loughborough University

Ottoline Leyser

UK Research and Innovation

Dame Patricia Hodgson

Formerly Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation

Paul Clarke, CBE

Formerly Ocado Ltd

Rachel Dunscombe

NHS Digital Academy

Tabitha Goldstaub

AI Council Chair

Professor Dame Wendy Hall

UK AI Skills Champion

Officials:

Blake Bower

Director, Digital and Tech Policy, DSIT

Head of AI Regulation, OAI

Head of Digital Regulation, DSIT

AI Council Secretariat

Guests:

Interim Science and Tech Director, DBT

Apologies:

Professor Sir Adrian Smith

Alan Turing Institute

Ann Cairns

Formerly Mastercard

Lila Ibrahim

Deepmind

Professor David Lane

Edinburgh Centre for Robotics

Dr Claire Craig

The Queen's College, Oxford

Professor Neil Lawrence

University of Cambridge

Professor Pete Burnap

Cardiff University

Priya Lakhani

CENTURY Tech

Item 1: Introduction

- The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies for absence had been received from Lila Ibrahim, Professor David Lane, Dr Claire Craig, Professor Neil Lawrence, Professor Pete Burnap, and Priya Lakhani.

Items 2 and 3: Update on the AI Strategy and AI priorities for 2023 with an overview of initial responses to the AI white paper from the Viscount Camrose, Minister for Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property

- The Chair formally welcomed Viscount Camrose to the meeting, congratulating the Minister on his appointment.
- Viscount Camrose thanked the Council for its input into the AI regulation white paper, published in March 2023. The Minister set out his priorities for the implementation of the AI regulatory framework and recent Government announcements on AI, including the Foundation Model Taskforce.
- A detailed discussion followed during which members gave insights on a wide-range of issues including data, intellectual property and international engagement, as well as regulatory coordination and the proposed central functions in the AI regulation white paper.

Item 4: AI Council members are invited to discuss the [AI regulation white paper](#)

- The Head of AI Regulation at the Office of AI updated members on the publication of the AI regulation white paper.
- Discussion followed during which members proposed learning lessons from the monitoring ambition of the UK Data Strategy, highlighted public trust as a key lever, and emphasised the importance of both granularity and scalability within the AI regulatory framework.
- Members were asked some of the key questions for Government consultation regarding a cross-sectoral risk framework, horizon scanning, and monitoring and evaluation of the regulatory framework. The Chair agreed to convene a smaller group of members to discuss these questions.

Item 5: Update on the Foundation Model Taskforce

- The Head of Digital Regulation, as Head of the new Foundation Model Taskforce (FMTF), in DSIT provided members with an update on the development of the FMTF and the announcement of an initial £100 million of funding to support its work.
- Members offered their support for the FMTF and welcomed ongoing engagement as it develops.

Item 6: Presentation on the Global Talent Network and AI Futures

- Officials from DBT presented to members about the Government's AI Futures programme to attract the next generation of AI talent to the UK and provided an overview of the Global Talent Network.
- Members noted the importance of retaining as well as attracting talent and gave suggestions on how best to engage emerging AI leaders around the world, including building on existing Government AI skills programmes and providing access to data.

Item 7: AOB

- The Chair concluded the meeting and thanked officials and Council members for their attendance.

AI Council Secretariat